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**ADDENDUM TO DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE
DATED: SEPTEMBER 29, 2005**

Name of DNS: W.T. WOOTEN HABITAT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
(School Fire Salvage and Restoration)

Description of DNS:

This is a helicopter logging operation to salvage burned timber after the School Fire and reforest with conifer and browse species for wildlife. There are 11,947 burned acres, with approximately 1500 forested acres to be salvaged in 35 sections. The goal is to remove salvageable timber from the burned area and replant both conifer and shrub species. In addition we want to remove all hazard or safety trees near access roads, power lines, campgrounds, Tucannon Fish Hatchery and Camp Wooten

Proponent: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

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Location of DNS, including street, if any:

The project proposal is located in Garfield and Columbia Counties, Washington, approximately 15 miles south of Pomeroy, via Mountain road, Tatman Mtn. road or Tucannon River road or 25 miles east of Dayton and includes the majority of the W.T. Wooten Wildlife Area.

The proposal lies within portions of Township 10 North, Range 41 East (Sec. 13, 15, 16, 17, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 33, 34, 35, 36), Township 10 North, Range 42 East (Sections 19, 20, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33), Township 9 North, Range 41 East (Sec. 2, 3, 10, 11, 15, 16, 20, 21, 29, 30 and 32) and Section 5 of Township 8 North, Range 41 East, Williamette Meridian.
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Lead Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

The lead agency is providing updated information on this project which may be of interest to other agencies or the public. The updated information provided below does not substantially change the analysis of significant impacts in the existing environmental checklist.

The original environmental checklist dated September 29, 2005, should be modified to reflect the following corrections:

Original estimates of the project size was 1,500 acres in 35 sections. After analysis of the acres from orthophotos, we believe the area to be salvaged on WDFW lands is 2,428 acres. In addition, the DNR is granting WDFW a salvage agreement on approximately 200 acres, if WDFW agrees to be held accountable for the reforestation costs. The location remains the same as stated previously. WDFW has also decided to plant 150 conifers and 150 browse species per acre, rather than 100 of each as previously stated. This will be done on harvested areas that do not have enough live trees for natural regeneration.

Based on the original environmental checklist and the updated information provided in this addendum, the lead agency has determined that a new threshold determination is not warranted. There is no comment period associated with this SEPA environmental checklist addendum.

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